

might wish, in the effort to be quite safe scientifically, he but shares a fault all too common with theological writers in our day when they touch the question of the future. And Seeberg has spoken a sympathetic and encouraging word in a dark hour, a word to which may very many give heed. Poor Germany has exalted herself to heaven and is being cast down to hell; but out of the wreckage of civilization men may humble themselves and turn to the life that is life indeed. The publishers have published the book in attractive form and it will bring comfort to many in bereavement. May it also turn to sane thinking many who lead the thinking and planning of Germany, as well as in other lands.

W. O. CARVER.

Die Christliche Warheitsgervissheit; ihr letzter Grund und ihre Entstehung. Von Dr. L. Ihmels, ord. Professor der Theologie in Leipzig. Dritte enweiterte und verbesserte Auflage. Leipzig, 1914. A. Deichertsche Verlagshechhd'l'g. Werner Scholl. 382 ss. M. 7.50, Geb. M. 9.

Professor Ihmels is well known as one of the foremost exponents of the truth of evangelical theology and religion in Germany. This defense of Christian truth as thoroughly founded in objective reality and approved by the rational tests of knowledge is now presented in its third edition, extended and made more definitely to meet the contentions of the "religious geschichtliche" school, so powerful in Germany in recent years.

Revelation in general as a source of truth is discussed in relation to other sources and the scriptures as the record of that revelation. The author seeks to bring the discussion away from mere abstractions and to apply the tests of practical reality, but this interpreted in a large spiritual way and not merely in the range of a narrow and light pragmatism.

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Christianity and the Jew. An Appeal to the Church of Christ to Preach the Gospel to the Jew. By Delaware W. Scott. Cincinnati, The Standard Publishing Company, 1914. 100 pp. 75 cts.

Mr. Scott is pastor of Parkland Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. He thus describes his attitude toward the Jews: "Years ago, in my youth, I formed a deep and lasting admiration for the Jewish people. I loved the heroic in the races of men, and no history gripped me with such force as that of the Jews. When a child they played for me in the role of warriors, and I stood with them on many a battlefield; when in college they played for me in the role of the torch-bearers of civilization; but now they are playing for me in Jehovah's plan of the world's redemption through Jesus Christ."

Mr. Scott shows in a series of short chapters what the world owes to the Jew in literature, arts, science, history and religion, putting the emphasis on Israel's contribution to the religious life and thought of mankind. He calls attention to the present spiritual unrest of the Jewish people, and points to the open door now set before the earnest Christian missionary to the Jews. The book will quicken interest in missionary activity on behalf of the Jews.

JOHN R. SAMPEY.

The Environment of Early Christianity. By S. Angus, M.A., Ph. D., Professor of New Testament and Historical Theology, St. Andrew's College, University of Sidney. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1915. xi-|-240 pp. 75 cts. net.

Dr. Angus has devoted himself with ability and care to the mastery of the facts and features of the Graeco-Roman world and to the position of the Jew in that world, and to the bearing of it all on the rise of Christianity. He lectured most acceptably on these subjects in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary three years ago and his studies are welcomed in a volume of the "Studies in Theology" series. The work is a comprehensive survey rather than an intensive study. For its purpose and with its plan it is a work of great value.

Die ältesten Apologeten. Texte mit kurzen Einleitungen, herausgegeben von Edgar J. Goodspeed. Göttingen, Vanderboeck and Ruprecht, 1914. 380 ss. M. 7.40. Gb. 8.40.

In clear Greek text with marginal notes indicating variant readings; with very brief introductions we have in this edition